

CHAPTER 48.

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION SIX (6) OF CHAPTER TWENTY-ONE (51) OF THE SPECIAL LAWS OF ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SIX (1876), ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE VILLAGE OF LEWISTON."

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

SECTION 1. That section six (6) of chapter twenty-one (21) of the Special Laws of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five (1875), be amended as follows: By inserting after the word "officer," in the first (1st) line of said section six (6), the words "excepting the justices of the peace, who shall qualify as directed by general statute," and by striking out the words, "justices of the peace" in the seventh (7th) line of said section.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Approved February 16, 1877.

CHAPTER 49.

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE VILLAGE OF GRAND MEADOW, COUNTY OF MOWER, STATE OF MINNESOTA," APPROVED FEBRUARY TWENTY-FOURTH (24TH), EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SIX (1876.)

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

SECTION 1. There shall be elected in the village of Grand Meadow, Minnesota, every year, on the first Monday in April, one assessor, who shall have the same power within the corporation limits of the said village of Grand Meadow, that assessors have under the general laws of Minnesota, within the organized townships in the State. Said assessor shall receive the assessment rolls for all the real and personal property in said village of Grand Meadow from the county auditor of Mower county, at the same time the other assessors for the several towns in Mower county receive such lists and books, and shall make the assessment and return such assessments according to the general laws that govern township assessors in the State of Minnesota.

SEC. 2. The village council for said village, and one justice of the peace, and the assessor, shall constitute the reviewing board to review and equalize the taxes for said village, and make returns thereof to the county auditor of Mower county. Said reviewing and returning shall all be done according to the general laws that govern the town boards of review in the State of Minnesota.

SEC. 3. The village council of Grand Meadow shall have right to levy taxes for the support of the village government, not exceeding two (2) mills on the dollar, in any one (1) year, of all taxable property within said village, and report the same to the county auditor, who shall extend it on the tax lists for said village, and be collected in the same manner that taxes are collected for towns and villages in Mower county by the county treasurer, and paid over to the village treasurer of Grand Meadow, upon a warrant of the county auditor.

The village council of the village of Grand Meadow, shall appoint annually a suitable person for a street commissioner, who shall keep the streets and roads within said village in good repair, under the order and direction of the village council, who shall assess the male inhabitants of said village liable to perform labor upon said streets and roads, not exceeding three days during each year, and said council shall have right to compel all persons who shall have been convicted by the village justice for any disorderly conduct, and offence against the village charter and ordinances in general, and sentenced by said justice to be locked up in the village lock-up for any number of days, according to the village charter and ordinances, to perform labor upon the streets, alleys or roads of Grand Meadow, for a time equal to the number of days in the sentence that such person should be locked up in such lock-up.

SEC. 4. The village of Grand Meadow shall by this act be a separate election precinct, and the village council shall be the judges of election, and shall act and make returns according to the general laws of Minnesota that govern special elections. The recorder shall act as clerk.

The village of Grand Meadow shall by this act be an independent corporation, separated from the town of Grand Meadow, and governed by the charter passed by the Legislature of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six (1876), and the present added sections. And where said charter and the added sections are insufficient to enable the officers of said village to perform any act that is necessary to comply with the general laws of Minnesota, enacted for the government of villages, then shall said officers be governed by said general laws, and all their acts, according to said general laws, shall be valid.

In case a vacancy occurs by death or resignation of any officer within said village, then shall the village council, or a majority of them, appoint a qualified voter to fill such vacancy until the next annual election.

SEC. 5. All acts and parts [of acts] in the original charter of the village of Grand Meadow, that are inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 5, 1877.

CHAPTER 50.

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WINONA."

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That section three (3) of chapter two (2) of the act entitled "An act to amend the charter of the city of Winona," passed and approved March first (1st), A. D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven (1867), is hereby amended so as to read as follow:

Sec. 3. The officers to-be chosen by the people shall be a mayor, a treasurer, a recorder, an assessor, an attorney, a marshal, a street commissioner, a surveyor, a physician, two (2) aldermen for each ward, and two (2) justices of the peace; and the city council shall, at their first (1st) regular meeting after the general city election in each year, appoint all other officers necessary for the proper management of the affairs of said city, as provided by this act, or as the city council may from time to time direct.

SEC. 2. That section four (4) of chapter two (2) of said act is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 4. All officers of the city, elected, shall hold their respective offices for the term of two (2) years, or until their successors are elected or appointed, and all officers of said city appointed, shall hold their respective offices for the term of one (1) year, or until their successors are appointed.

Provided, that the city council shall have power to expel any of their members, and remove from office any officer of the city, by a vote of two-thirds of all the members of the city council. But no officer shall be so expelled or removed except for due cause, nor unless furnished with the charges in writing, and heard in his defense; and the city council shall have the power to compel the attendance of witnesses, and the production of papers necessary for trial, and shall proceed within ten (10) days to hear and determine the case, and if such officer neglect to appear and answer to such charges, the city council may declare the office vacant. Any officer may be suspended until the disposition of charges when preferred.